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1. During a prolonged period of observation source established that the Infanterie or Friedrich August Kaserne in Leisnig (N 52/K 69) was occupied by a headquarters, an artillery unit, and a rocket launcher unit. All troops observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, with almost all of the officers and some of the EM having artillery insignia on their epaulets. On two days between 7 and 26 February 1951, 25X1B three rocket launchers on 25X1B the crews of which wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. A Soviet soldier who drove 25X1B then in a repair shop, said that his vehicle belonged to the headquarters in the Friedrich August Kaserne.
2. The Busche Kaserne quartered a tank unit and an SP artillery unit. All the troops observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, with most of the officers and some of the EM having tank insignia on their epaulets. On 11 February, a column of about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some of them with tank insignia, left the Busche Kaserne, marching toward Colditz. The troops were led by a lieutenant colonel. On 13 February, 350 to 400 soldiers were assembled in front of the four barracks buildings in the eastern section of the Busche Kaserne. SP guns No 061 and 064 entered the installation. They had six bogie wheels per side and mounted a gun of about 120 mm caliber without muzzle brake. Another armored vehicle, number 068, was seen in the billeting area.
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4. A Soviet captain said that one Colonel Gusmin (phonetic spelling), (fnu), was military post commander of Leisnig. **
- * 25X1A comment. The information contains further indications that the 64th Gds Hv Tank Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div and the division's unidentified artillery unit are stationed in Leisnig. 25X1A whereas source of the present report heard of only two rocket launchers from local Germans in January 1950, he actually identified three rocket launchers on

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trucks with numbers of series belonging to the 8th Gds Mecz Div. Since another source observed a rocket launcher in Wurzen in mid-February 1951, it is undetermined whether the unidentified Gds RL Bn of the 8th Gds Mecz Div is located in Leisnig or Wurzen. [REDACTED] All motor vehicle numbers mentioned in the present report belonged to the 8th Gds Mecz Div.

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** [REDACTED] Comment. A Colonel Gusmin or, probably, Kusmin, (fnu), was repeatedly reported from Saxony, once as belonging to the command reserve of the First Gds Mecz Army. It is not known whether this Colonel Kusmin is the Leisnig military post commander.

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